

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF ASEAN AGREEMENT ON RUBBER SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of average price of natural rubber in international and domestic market before and after the ASEAN agreement during the last one year;
- (b) whether there is impact on price of natural rubber after ASEAN agreement;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any increase in import of natural rubber after the agreement; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c): Natural rubber(NR) is in the Exclusion List of the India-ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement, which came into force on 1st January, 2010. Therefore, question of the impact of the Agreement on the price of NR does not arise. The average prices of NR in the international and domestic market before and after the ASEAN Agreement during the last ten months is as under:-

Average prices of comparable  
grades of sheet rubber (Rs/Kg)

International market    Domestic market

During the 10 months before India-ASEAN    97.03      103.14  
Trade in Goods Agreement (March-December  
2009) came into force.

During the 10 months after India-ASEAN    159.31      162.83  
Trade in Goods Agreement (January- October  
2010) came into force.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Though not related to the ASEAN Agreement, the import trends indicate an increase in import of NR during past ten months as detailed hereunder:-

Import (tonne)

During the 10 months before India-ASEAN Trade in    152196  
Goods Agreement (March- December 2009) came into  
force.

During the 10 months after India-ASEAN Trade in 164021  
Goods Agreement (January- October 2010) came into  
force.